GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Lokayukta case – Kovvur Municipality - Allegations of misappropriation of Pushkaram funds against the Municipal Officials, Kovvur Municipality, West Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district - Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.667 **Dated:28.08.2024.**

Read the following:-

1. From GA(V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.26 (C.No.1284 /V&E/E/2015) dt.12.04.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.718, M.A.&U.D. (Vig.I) Dept, dt.06.10.2017.
3. WSD of Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district, dt:nil
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.330, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.02.05.2019
5. From the RDMA, Ananthapuram and Enquiry Officer Lr.Roc.No.337/2019/A3, Dt.07.10.2021.
6. From the ENC (PH), Tadepalli, A.P., Letter No.72/T6/Kovvur/V&E/2023/1, dated 07.06.2023 & dt:24.02.2023.
7. Govt. Memo.605900/VIG.II/A1/2017(E-218741), dt:04.09.2023.
8. Written representation of Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district, dated 21.11.2023

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O R D E R:

Based on the report of the GA(V&E) Dept. in the reference 1st read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri T.Nagendra Kumar, the then Municipal Commissioner, and (7) others, Kovvur Municipality, Kovvur, West Godavari District on allegations of misappropriation of Pushkaram funds against the Municipal Officials, Kovvur Municipality, West Godavari District. In the reference 2nd read above, articles of charge were framed against Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district.

2. The Charged Officer submitted his written statement of defence (WSD) in the reference 3rd read above, denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.

3. Having not convinced with the written statements of defence submitted by the charged officers, it has been decided to conduct a regular inquiry and after following due procedure, orders were issued, in the reference 4th read above, appointing Sri G.Nagaraju, Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Rajamahendravaram, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officers.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report and stated that all the (5) Charges are held not proved in the Inquiry against Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district

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5. After careful examination of the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer, the Government have observed certain disagreement factors and accordingly, disagreed with the findings of the Inquiry Officer. Further, Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district is involved in execution, check measurement and payment against substandard work.

6. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of Inquiry report along with disagreement factors was communicated to the charged officer Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district and other Charged Officers, with a direction to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and disagreement factors in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

7. The charged officer has submitted his written representationin the reference 8th read above, wherein among others he has stated that he had neither allowed poor quality of work voluntarily nor recommended any payment to the Contractor. As such, he has denied the disagreement factors on the Inquiry report and requested to consider his case and drop further action against him.

8. Government have examined the entire matter, keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Authority (IA) and disagreement factors, roles and responsibilities and gravity of charges including general charge i.e., exhibited lack of integrity, deviation to duty and conduct, specific remarks of Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, on substandard work, written representation of Charged Officer and procedural lapses pointed out by the IA., Further, the charge involved in execution, check measurement and payment against substandard work in respect of the above charged officer is treated as proved. Hence, out of 5 charges, 1 charge, is proved. After examination of the matter, it has been decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" against Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Eluru, West Godavari district.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" against Sri K.Koteswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district as he is involved in execution, check measurement and payment against substandard work.

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10. The Engineering-in-Chief, Public Health, Tadepalli, A.P, shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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Public Health Sub- Division, Eluru, West Godavari district - through
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The Engineer–in-Chief (Public Health), Flat No.504&601,
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SECTION OFFICER.